

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1398. *An original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.*

Dorgan

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S. 1399. A bill to *prevent identity theft*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Feinstein

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S. 1400. A bill to amend the illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for aliens to present a border crossing card that contains a biometric identifier matching the appropriate biometric characteristic of the alien; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kyl

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The following bill was introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 1407. A bill to establish a national competence for critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Domenici

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Nomination Referral--Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that in any instance where unanimous consent had previously been granted in the 107th Congress for the referral of a nomination to more than one committee, that such unanimous-consent agreement apply to a second nomination of that individual for that provision if the previous nomination was returned to the President under the provisions of Rule XXXI, paragraph 6.

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Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel G. Bogden, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Mary Beth Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Jeffrey Gilbert Collins, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

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Nominations Received (Cont'd.):

Thomas M. DiBiagio, of Maryland, to be *United States Attorney for the District of Maryland* for the term of four years.

William S. Duffey, Jr., of Georgia, to be *United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia* for the term of four years.

Peter W. Hall, of Vermont, to be *United States Attorney for the District of Vermont* for the term of four years.

Thomas E. Johnston, of West Virginia, to be *United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia* for the term of four years.

Edward Hachiro Kubo, Jr., of Hawaii, to be *United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii* for the term of four years.

Gregory Gordon Lockhart, of Ohio, to be *United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio* for the term of four years.

Sheldon J. Sperling, of Oklahoma, to be *United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma* for the term of four years.

Donald W. Washington, of Louisiana, to be *United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana* for the term of four years.

Maxwell Wood, of Georgia, to be *United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia* for the term of four years.

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S. 149. Export Administration Act Of 2001.

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"... So I am confident there will be rollcall votes on amendments throughout the day. The Senate is going to recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly party conferences today. Again--and I think I speak for the joint leadership--we need to move past this bill and get on to the appropriations bills. On appropriations bills, we have to have a way of moving them more quickly. I think that is the belief the leadership has in trying to move to the Commerce-State-Justice bill just as quickly as possible..." (Reid, page S 9091)

Executive Communication:

EC-3494. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "*Exemption of Department of Justice Systems: Correspondence Management Systems for the Department of Justice (DOJ-003); Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act and Mandatory Declassification Review Requests and Administrative Appeals for the Department of Justice (DOJ-004)*" received on August 9, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Committee concluded hearings to examine the comparative pricing of prescription drugs in the United States and Canada, focusing on the importation of prescription drugs at land borders, through the mail or over the Internet, the potential introduction of counterfeit bulk drugs into the U.S. drug supply, and steps to ensure the availability of safe medications for consumers.

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Committee Meetings (Cont'd.):

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the threat posed by biological

weapons and its relation to the spread of infectious diseases, focusing on the United States response to an act of bioterrorism and how to strengthen the domestic and international capability to prevent and defend against intentional and natural disease outbreaks.

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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings to examine the scientific and ethical implications of stem cell research and its potential to improve human health.

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the management of tobacco litigation, focusing on the Department of Justice's lawsuit currently pending against leading U.S. cigarette manufacturers.

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Committee Meeting For Thursday, September 6, 2001:

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. Business meeting to consider **S. 754**, to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing antitrust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs; **S. 304**, to reduce illegal drug use and trafficking and to help provide appropriate drug education, prevention, and treatment programs; **S. 1319**, *a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002*; **S. 1140**, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts; **S. 1233**, to provide penalties for certain unauthorized writing with respect to consumer products; *and pending nominations*. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 9/7/01 @ 10:30 a.m. To hold a joint briefing to *examine research data on domestic violence* and the extent to which governments, particularly law enforcement authorities, have fulfilled their responsibilities to protect individuals from such abuse, focusing on U.S. models for providing services to victims of domestic violence, including the response of faith-based communities. 2200 Rayburn Building .

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 9/1/01 @ 3:00 p.m. To hold hearings to examine contraceptive insurance coverage issues. SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary, 9/11/01 @ 10:30 a.m. To hold hearings on the nomination of *John P. Walters*, of Michigan, to be *Director of National Drug Control Policy*. SD-226.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 9/12/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure. SD-342.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 9/12/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001. SD-538.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled (Cont'd.):

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 9/12/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Business meeting to

consider **S. 952**, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; **S. 928**, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to require, as a condition of receipt or use of Federal financial assistance, *that States waive immunity to suit for certain violations of that Act, and to affirm the availability of certain suits for injunctive relief to ensure compliance with that Act*; and the nomination of Brian Jones, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Education. SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary, 9/12/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine the Privacy Act of 2001, focusing on the preservation of privacy for social security numbers, health information, and commercial actions in the 21st century. SD-226.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 9/13/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine issues concerning genetics. SD-430.

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Remark:

Stem Cell Research.

"... On the other hand, we must allow science to go forward, within reasonable bounds, to assess the ability of the new frontier of embryonic stem cell research to alleviate the human suffering being experienced by millions. Like our executive and legislative branches of Government, our judiciary will also be faced with challenges. The judiciary must interpret, not re-write, the law of the land, as a flood of cases will come before the courts..."

Warner

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2838. A bill to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to conduct or support research using certain human pluripotent stem cells, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Millender-McDonald

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H.R. 2841. *A bill to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building;" to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.*

Rangel

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H.R. 2843. *A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to allow motions for a new trial at any time where the error alleged is a violation of constitutional rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Scarborough

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on September 4, H.R. 2586, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, amended (House

Report 107-194);

H.R. 981, to provide a biennial budget for the United States Government, *amended* (House Report 107-200, Pt. 1).

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Resignation from Congress:

Read a letter from Representative Hutchinson wherein he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives, effective at 2400 hours on Monday, August 6, 2001, to serve as Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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Suspensions:

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Drug-Free Communities Program: H.R. 2291, amended, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional 5 years, to authorize a National Community Anti-drug Coalition Institute (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 333);

Pages H 5345-53, H 5365-6, D 866

Request for the Reexamination of a Patent: H.R. 1866, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings;

Pages H 5359-62, D 866

State Justice Institute Operations Report: H.R. 2048, to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute;

Pages H 5362-3, D 866

Executive Communications:

EC.-3457. *A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a report on compliance within the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions under Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

EC.-3459. *A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Secretary of State's findings pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and amended by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on the Budget: *Held a hearing on the Mid-Session Review and Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook.*

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, September 6, 2001:

Committee on Education and the Workforce, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on "Genetic Non-Discrimination: Implications for Employer Provided Health Care Plans." 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer

Credit, to mark up **H.R. 1701**, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act. 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on "*Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: An Update on Public and Private Approaches to Telecommuting.*" 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on **H.R. 476**, Child Custody Protection Act. 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on **H.R. 307, Federal Protection Service Reform Act**. 2253 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Critical Issues Affecting Women. (*Domestic Violence issues discussed*)
Millender-McDonald Pages H 5375-6

Human Cloning Prohibition Act Of 2001.
Jackson-Lee Pages E 1574-5

Bipartisan Patient Protection Act.
Crowley Pages E 1578-9
Jackson-Lee Pages E 1585-6

In Memory Of Judge James Lopez Watson. (H.R. 2841)

"... In memory of this distinguished jurist, I introduced legislation today designating the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the 'James L. Watson Court of International Trade Building.' Attaching his name to the courthouse where he served for 36 years is a fitting tribute..."
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Farewell.
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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 10:30 a.m., September 6, 2001.

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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich